

# Duchesne Project Studied

DUCHESNE — The possibility of setting up a Utah National Guard Engineers' Camp in Duchesne County from June 1 to 15, 1969, has been discussed by the Duchesne County Commission, representatives of the Utah National Guard, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Ute Indian Tribe.

Lt. Col. Alan R. Stewart, Hq. 115 Engineers' Group, said the purpose of the camp is to help

the county, the forest service, and the Ute Indian Tribe with construction projects that the budget will not allow.

Officials said this camp will enable the men of the 115 Engineers' Group to gain on-the-spot training in construction work.

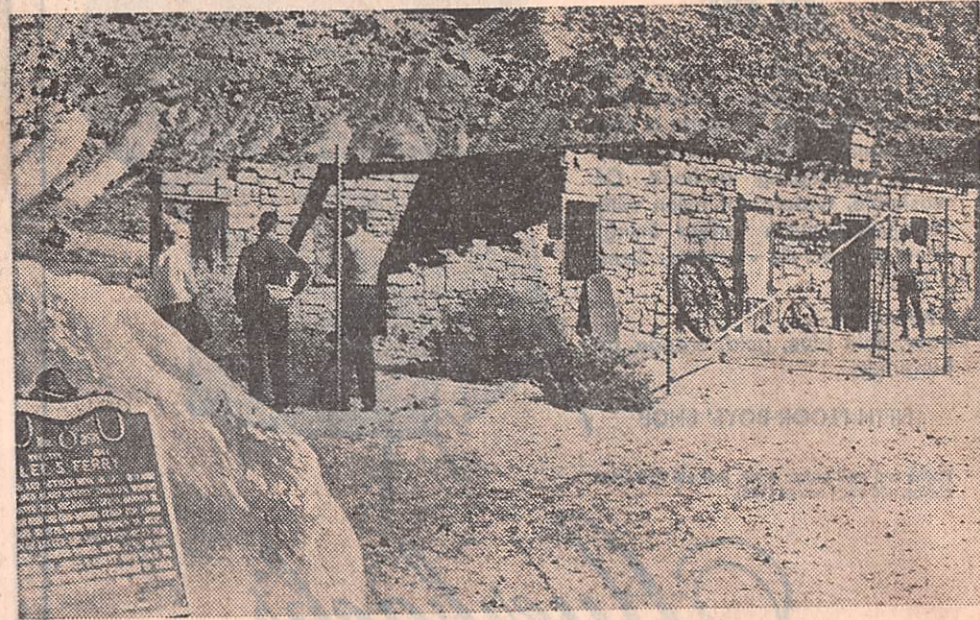
The camp would include approximately eight camp sites of eight to 10 acres each to accommodate up to 100 men and space for heavy equipment.

Projects would include road and bridge building, blading and other construction work plus an airstrip for light aircraft.

Under the proposed plan, Duchesne County would provide crushed gravel, culverts, bridge building materials, right-of-way if needed, and a place near a fire hydrant to wash equipment. The Indian tribe would provide all bivouac sites and seed for reseeding damaged land, if any.

Ray Smith and Don Crumbo, Ute Indian Tribe representatives, offered the use of Tawanta Flats, near Ouray, for an airstrip.

The list of projects is to be submitted by the county, Forest Service, the Ute Indian Tribe, as soon as possible, in order that representatives from the Guard may inspect the sites. All projects will be subject to the preference of the Guard unit, the local representatives were told.



## Lees Ferry 'Fortress'

The stone fortress building at historic Lees Ferry on the Colorado River is a popular landmark in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. It was constructed in 1874 under direction of Jacob Hamblin, Mormon missionary to the Hopi Indians. It was first built for protection from the sometimes hostile Navajos, and served for many years as a trading post.



## Old Chapel Coming Down

By GOLDIE G. WILCKEN  
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DUCHESNE — Nostalgically speaking, the old Duchesne ward chapel might be a sight for sore eyes, but to the younger generation, it is an eyesore. It is being torn down by salvagers, piece by piece. The building has been used for storage and warehouse by its private owners for many years.

The first part of this large building was constructed in 1906 as a community project "grubstaked" by A. M. Murdock, the town's first bishop, also known as "The father of Duchesne."

"Al," seeing there was much need for a place to hold social affairs, for religious

meetings and dancing, aroused the interest of the community and called a meeting in his store and organized a community group.

They became stockholders in the organization. Each man was to receive stock for his labor on the project.

Rock for the foundation was quarried by L. C. "Bud" and Earl Winslow. John R. Wilson was the architect, carpenter and "straw boss" of the job. He built the pulpit which was used in the church until it was closed in 1947.

Many men labored on the building and made "short work" of the job. The doors were on the west end of the building and at the rear. It was known as the Town Hall and was used by all organiza-

tions and for many times school. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints bought it in 1921 for \$2,750.

Four years later, while J. M. Mickelson was bishop, the two south rooms were added, and the entrance changed to the southwest corner.

A heating plant was installed in the basement under the south room.

The rooms were completed in December and rented to the school district for classes. The seventh and eighth grades were held in the east room and high school classes in the west.

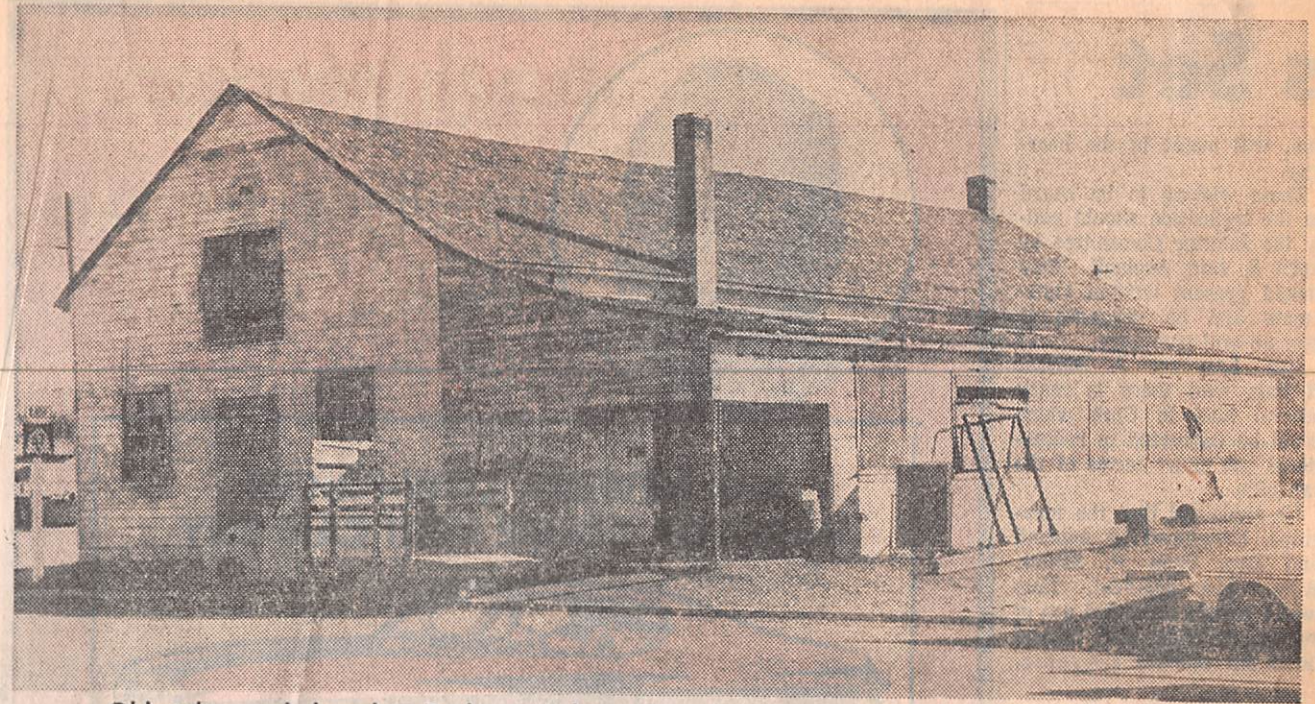
More construction was done in 1930, while Rulon J. Larsen was bishop. The two east basement rooms were added and the stage was moved

back approximately 16 feet to the east, and the restrooms were constructed to the east of the old south rooms.

Shortly after World War II, construction started on a new ward and stake center at Duchesne. When this was completed in the late 1940s, the old church building was sold. It is now owned by Vernal Bromley, Duchesne, who owns adjoining property.

The old building is located in the center of Duchesne's business district, adjacent to the alley, less than one-half block from U.S. Highway 40.

Its destruction this past week "loosed" some old church records. They were found in a high storage spot in the building by workers. The records were turned over to the local church authorities.



Old stake-ward chapel at Duchesne is being torn down in community beautification drive.



# Duchesne Has Key Role In Uintah Basin

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Early scouts sent into the Uintah Basin described the area as "measureable valueless except to hold the world together."

It's a new story today. It would be impossible to estimate the value of Uintah Basin with its underground wealth of mineral and oil. Its surface of scenic beauty and its potential water resources have attracted the attention of the West.

Playing an important role in the story is Duchesne, county seat of Duchesne County, and gateway to the basin.

Duchesne County is a young county. It was formed in 1915 from part of Wasatch County by order of Gov. William Spry.

Despite its youth, the town of Duchesne now claims nearly 1,000 population and is wealthy in farms, stockraising, dairying and tourist accommodations.

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Among the interesting people in Duchesne are Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Winslow. Mr. Winslow, known to his townsfolk as Bud, has operated the Duchesne Weather Observatory for the past 47 years. He has made great contributions to his community, serving as teacher, rancher, public employe, storekeeper and city councilman.

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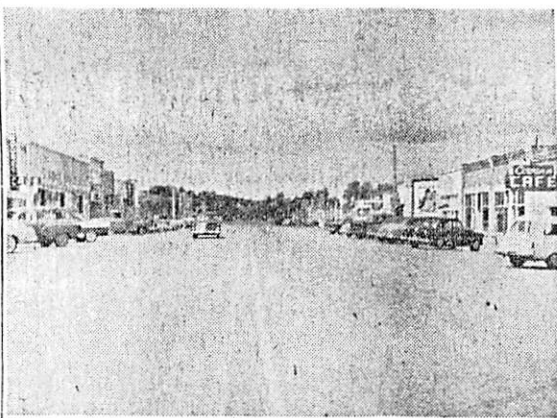
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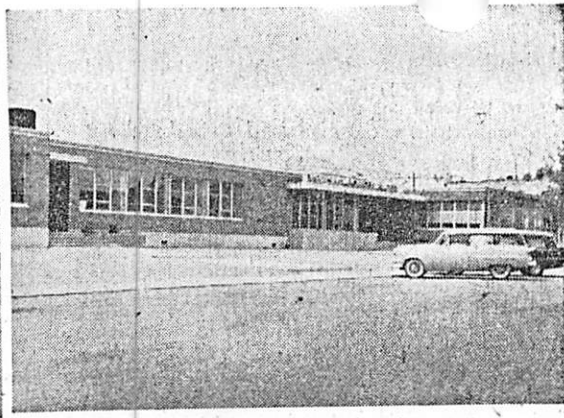
Rowan C. Stutz, superintendent of schools in Duchesne School District, is well known in Utah as a champion of rural education.

Duchesne, located on Highway 40 and at the mouth of Indian Canyon, is a ranch outfitting center. A 46-mile trip over Highway 33 leads through Indian Canyon to the basin's most immediate access to a railroad at Castle Gate served by Denver and Rio Grande Western.

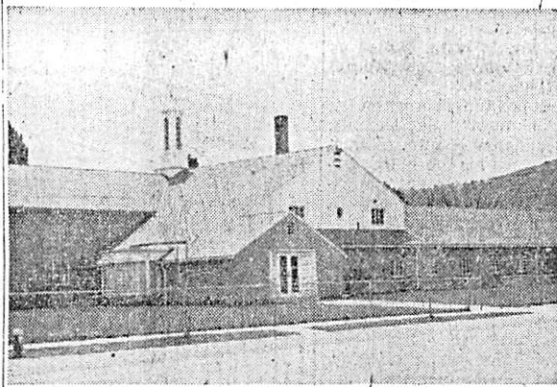
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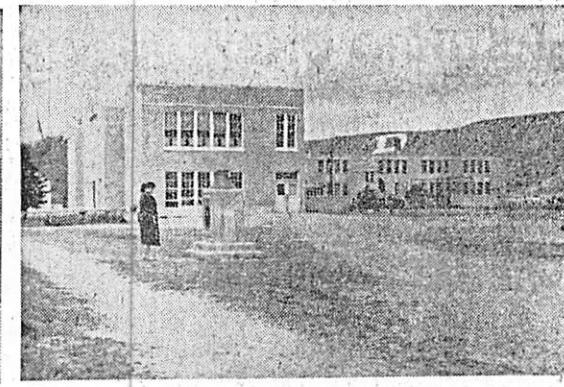
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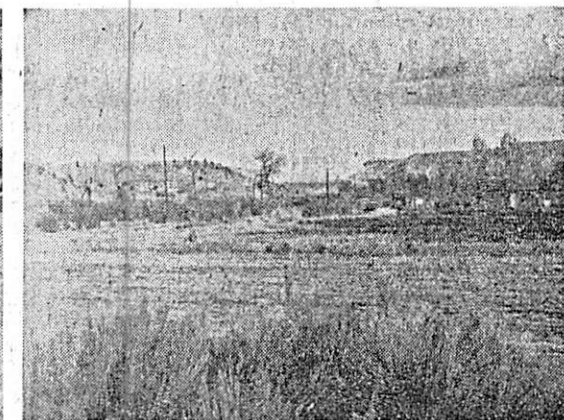
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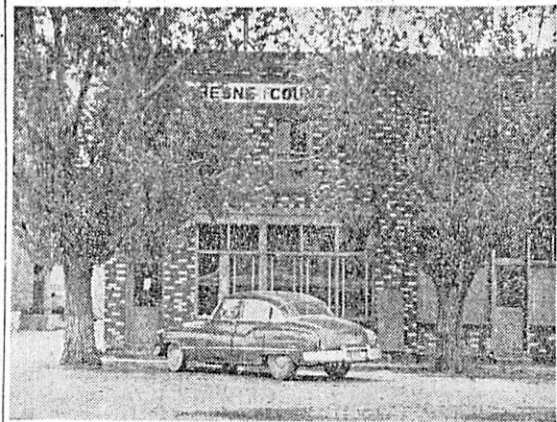
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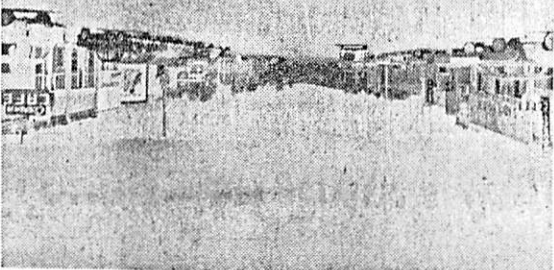
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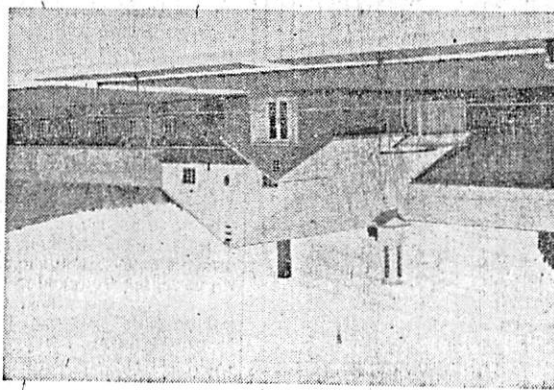
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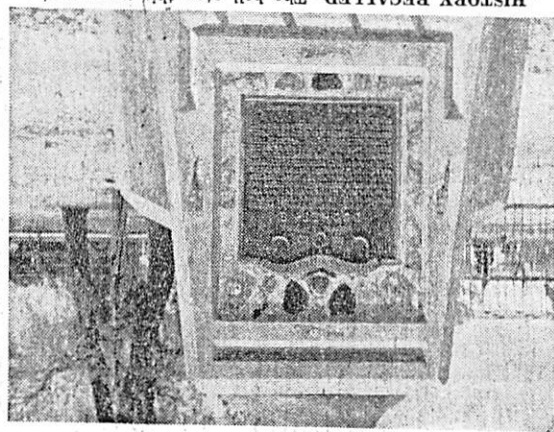
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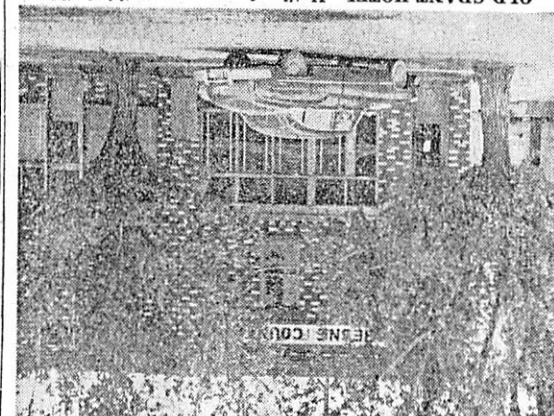
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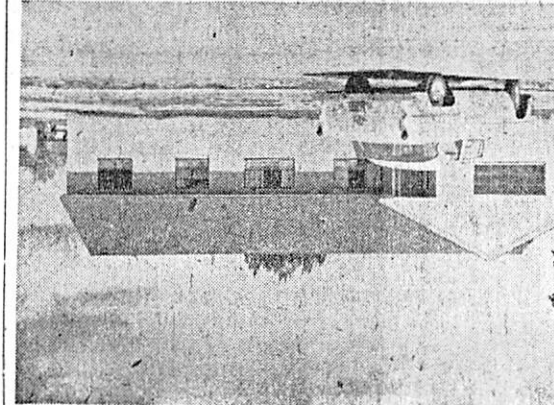
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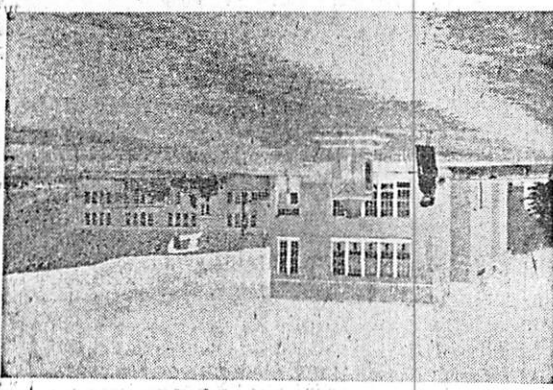
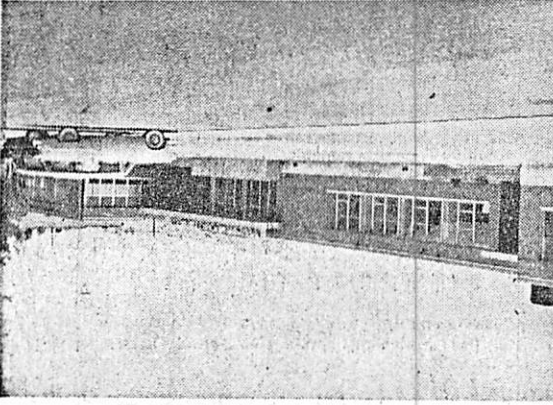
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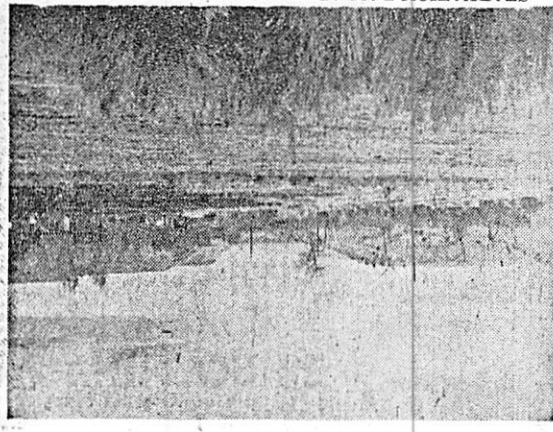
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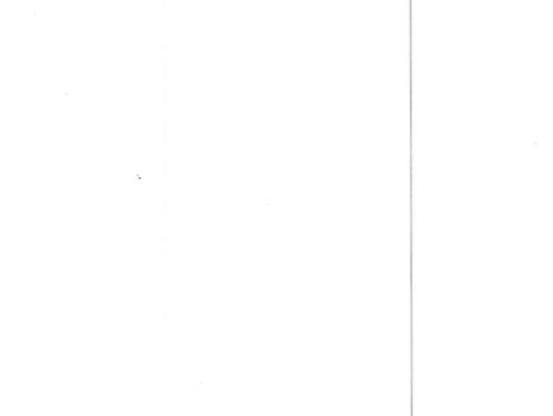
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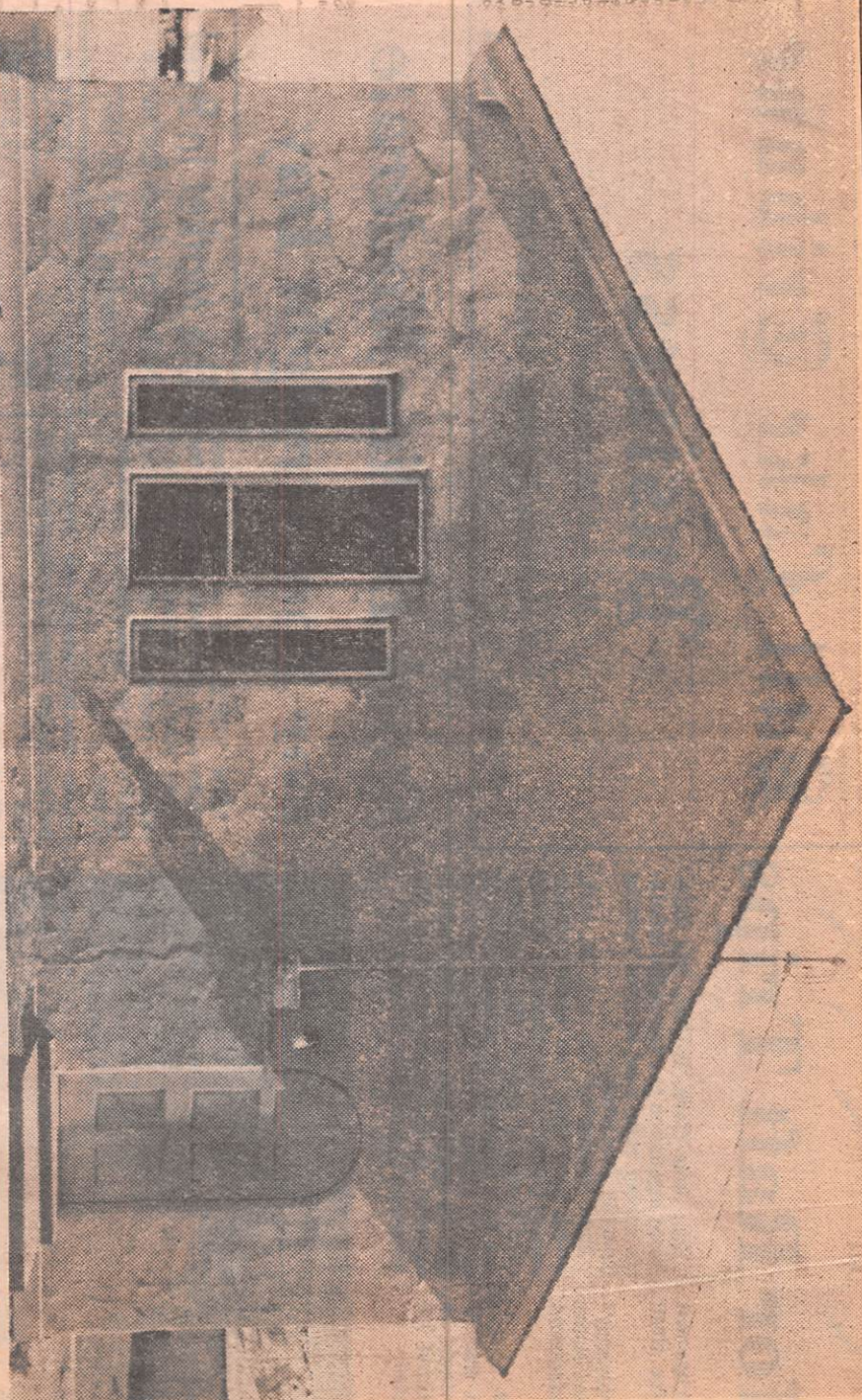


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Historic LDS stake building in Duchesne has been made into a social hall with funds. Proceeds from functions are being saved to include in the building a relics museum.

## Duchesne Groups Work to Pay Off Project

Special to The Tribune

DUCHESNE — For the Duchesne Relic Center sponsors, the American Revolution Bicentennial project is nearly completed and the balance of the bill must be paid by the Theodore Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

The relic center and the senior citizens hall project received a \$5,100 grant from the American Bicentennial Commission, but that did not pay the total bill, according to Maxine Burdick, project chairman.

"The grant paid slightly more than half of the renovation costs," she said.

The old building, contributed to the Theodore Camp by the

Duchesne LDS Stake some five years ago, has been moved three times and is now at the fairgrounds park in Duchesne.

To help pay off the indebtedness, the DUP is renting the structure to the senior citizens group for \$100 a month, paid out of the county's allocation for such a program, and renting the building for receptions, dinners and other social functions.

Eventually the DUP hopes to make a relic center in the building to store memorabilia of the area, Mrs. Burdick said.

Help came from the 34 DUP members in pledges of \$50 each. Some members are paying the obligation with their services, such as cooking and serving dinners to groups. Other fund-raising projects include raffles and sales, quilting and handwork.



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# Duchesne Bore Set for S. L. Water Delivery

## City Assured Ample Supply As Flow Starts Tuesday

Salt Lake residents can stop worrying about next summer's drinking water, even if the dry spell continues.

Next Tuesday water will start running for the first time through the Duchesne Tunnel, headed for the Deer Creek Reservoir, which contains Salt Lake City's greatest reserve supply.

This will be an epoch-making event, since it will mark the first time that water has been brought from the Colorado Basin into Salt Lake Valley. It also ends many years of planning and work on the part of water officials to augment the supplies available to Salt Lake and Utah Valleys from sources outside the Great Basin.

### 10 to 20 Second Feet

Fisher Harris, manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake City, said the flow through the tunnel when it is opened next Tuesday will be between 10 and 20 second-feet. The Provo River Water Users Assn., owners and operators of the Deer Creek project, can use 50,000 acre-feet of water annually from the Duchesne River.

This is available to be brought through the tunnel into the Provo River and thence into Deer Creek.

As one of the stockholders in the Provo River Water Users Assn., the Metropolitan Water District is entitled to about 40,000 acre-feet a year from Deer Creek, which would be enough to supply all Salt Lake City's needs without using the nearby sources.

### Cost \$9 Million

The Duchesne tunnel is six miles long, and connects the North Fork of the Duchesne with the Provo River. It was built at a cost of \$9 million as a U. S. Bureau of Reclamation project. Work was started before the war, stopped during the conflict and then resumed after peace had been declared.

It is large enough to carry 600 second-feet of water, which is beyond the needs of the Provo River Water Users Assn. It was made large enough to take care of possible future development. Although it was completed several months ago, the turning of water through the tunnel had to wait until measuring devices had been installed.